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printing server. In an example, the printer has a printing management function and a pull printing function, manages the printing request from a client, and when the turn of printing comes, the printer obtains the printing data from the client for printing.

2. Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-287931 published October 4, 2002 discloses a system and method to easily use an IPP-oriented printer under the network environment. The print data requested for printing are maintained in a hard disk reference information for performing pull-print corresponding to the maintained print data is generated by a Web server, reference information for performing pull-print corresponding to the generated print data is issued for the printing request to a printer communicable via a predetermined communication medium.

3. Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-350745 published December 21, 2001 discloses a system and method to provide a document processor, which considers pull-print capable of improving convenience by easily setting the conditions of recursive acquisition. The device has a means for holding a managing table relatively describing reference information, the conditions of an acquisition and the processing conditions of an acquired document, means for receiving the designation of the reference information , a means for recursively acquiring document data according to the conditions of recursive acquisition related to the relevant designated reference information, which becomes a starting point, on the basis of reference information set in document data to refer to inside the relevant reference information as a starting point, and a means for processing the acquired relevant document information according to the processing conditions related to the reference information which becomes the starting point.

Respectfully submitted,

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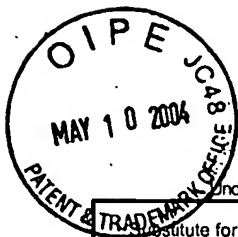
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